

EASTERTIDE

May 8, 2022

Mothers' Day

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Crown Him with Many Crowns

George Elvey, arr. David Angerman

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Hymn of Praise

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

Christopher Wadsworth

ODE TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, adapt. Edward Hodges

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Awake! Rise up!

People: There is much to be done in the Lord's name today.

Leader: Get ready to worship and to serve God.

People: We are ready to hear God's word for us and to respond in action and love.

Leader: Open your hearts to God's will this day.

People: Praise be to God who walks with us and guides us. Amen.

*The Songs of Praise

All the People Said Amen

Matt Maher, Trevor Morgan, Paul Moak

*The Greeting

The Anthem

Jesus Loves Me

Anna Warner, William Bradbury, Michael Hassel

The Confession

based on Psalm 23

Leader: The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.

People: But, O Lord, we are consumed with wanting more.

Leader: He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul.

People: But, O Lord, other pastures seem greener. The waters aren't always still. Our souls still thirst.

Leader: He leads me in right paths for His name's sake.

People: O Lord, we long to be led by You, though we may complain along the path.

Leader: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff—they comfort me.

People: And yet, O God, we do have fear. May we feel Your presence, Your comfort and Your forgiveness anew.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

People: O God, often we refuse to sit down at Your table. Forgive us and help us to see Your overflowing mercy.

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

People: Forgive us, God, and lead us into Your house.

*The Song of Response

Shepherd Me, O God

Marty Haugen

*The Words of Assurance

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives. God forgives our failures and calls us back into the flock.

People: Thanks be to God for the gift of forgiveness.

*The Song of Praise

What the Lord Has Done In Me

Reuben Morgan

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

Acts 9:36-43

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

"Taking Responsibility for Those Who Have Less"

The Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory

10,000 Reasons

(Please sign and pass the friendship registers.)

Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin

The News of the Church Alive

*The Sending Song

Mighty to Save

Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

St. Anthony Chorale Melody - Joseph Haydn, Harmonization - Johannes Brahms

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching – Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgist – Pastor Matt Cook; Organist – Beth Sweers; Saxophone – Jeffrey Allardyce; Bells of Joy; Chancel Choir; Praise Team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: [frcgrandville](#)

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

May 1 Collection Plate	\$ 12,898.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 2,471.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$ 15,369.00

Average weekly offering needed
to make 2022 budget \$ 18,258.00
2022 Annual budget \$949,429.00
Text to Give - 616-208-4301

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

Sunday Children's Programming Schedule:

1st and 2nd Sunday of the month:

Nursery ages - can be dropped off in the nursery when you arrive & picked up after the worship service.

Ages 3 years – Kindergarten can be dropped off in room #113 South when you arrive and picked up after the worship service.

1st Grade-5th Grade can be dropped off in the downstairs Assembly Room when you arrive and picked up after the worship service.

Middle School (6th - 8th grades) & **High School** (9th - 12th grades) **Bible study** will not meet today. It will resume next week.

Middle School & High School youth groups will not meet today. We will resume next week.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Young Life (9th-12th grade) – meets Monday, May 9, at 7:27pm at the Connelly's, 376 Normandy Ct., SW. Questions? Contact Jon Hull at jon@firstgrandville.org or 517-803-5686. This is the last Young Life until the Fall.

WyldLife (7th-8th grade) – Meets May 10 in the Family Life Center. Questions? Contact: Paige Corfixsen- 616-710-0865, Emma Kukla- 616-666-4811. This will be the last WyldLife until the Fall.

Youth Mission Trip fundraiser:

Pop can drive - There will be a labeled trash can in the Youth Lounge all year for you to drop off your empty cans.

Maple Tree Preschool Registration - Preschool registration for 2022-2023 has begun! If you know of a family looking for a preschool, please have them check out www.mapletreepreschool.org and [Maple Tree Preschool's Facebook page](#).

OTHER HAPPENINGS

Anna Circle – meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 9:30am – 11:00am in the upstairs small adult ed room. We are studying the book *No Offense* by Craig Groeschel.

Men's Bible Study meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 2:30 PM. We meet at Marge's Donut Den, 1751 28th St., Wyoming, MI. Our leaders are David Bast and Mark Davis. All are welcome!

Bells of Joy – Tuesdays, 6:30pm

Praise Team – Wednesday, 5:30pm

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays, 6:30pm

LOOKING AHEAD

Congregational meeting – May 15 following worship.

SPECIAL CONCERT INVITATION - Please join Jeffrey Allardyce and his colleagues Matt Fox, Jacob Nance, and Tyler Young as their saxophone quartet, **Sound Session**, performs in the First Reformed Church sanctuary tomorrow night at 7pm. Sound Session will be touring and working with local high schools from May 9-11 as they prepare for the nationally-acclaimed Fischoff Chamber Music Competition taking place in South Bend, Indiana from May 20-22. The concert will feature a full hour of contemporary-classical saxophone repertoire demonstrating the breadth of their entire competition program. ALL are welcome!

Director of Children's Ministries – There is a job opening currently as we seek to fill the position of Children's Ministry Director. The job description has been posted on various sites, and there are copies on the table in the narthex as well.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

Food pantry needs – Pancake mix and syrup, canned meats, cake mix and frosting, muffin mix, and spaghetti sauce. You may drop these items off in the grocery cart located in the Activity Center.

Family at Home needs your help. This ministry has been a blessing to our church community and all those involved in it. We urgently need callers' people of any age who would like to reach out and connect with members of our church family. We are looking for people to visit, make phone calls, and send cards. If you are interested and looking to get involved or would just like more information, please contact Harold Ludema - hnsrudema@comcast.net or Pastor Matt – matt@firstgrandville.org.

The **Online Engagement Team** of First Reformed church is looking for a few volunteers to help build more of an online presence with our church. In the last few years, it's become evident that many people in our church and community utilize our online resources more than ever before. Because of this, we feel it's necessary to make that presence as engaging as we can. Right now, we are looking for a few people to handle our Instagram and Facebook accounts, organizing weekly posts about upcoming events and also advertising each week's sermon messages. If you or someone you know feel that this is something you would be interested in helping with, please let Pastor Jeff or Pastor Matt know.

THANK YOU...

...Words can't express how much I appreciate all the support I have received with my recent surgery. Thank you for all of your prayers, words of encouragement, cards, meals, and visits. I feel blessed to be a part of our caring church. Thank you so very much!

Jan Hodges

...to our church friends who visited with me and brought me a beautiful Easter flower. I miss you all and our church. **Crystal Baum**

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH PRAYERS & CONCERNS

For prayer updates during the week, please call the **Prayer Line** – 534-0113

We extend prayers of healing & comfort for:

- **Terry Jolink**, in the hospital with pneumonia.
- **Bob Verburg**, has been moved to Rivertown Ridge Memory Care.
- **Chuck Duimstra**, has been moved to Grand Village.
- **Don Ferris**, having heart surgery May 25.
- Pray for the people of **Ukraine**.
- Pray for anyone affected in any way by **the Corona virus**.
- Pray for God's leading as we continue our search for a new children's director and continue the process of electing our next consistory members.
- **Continued prayers for: Doug Hunderman, Randy Kehr, Betty Isenga, Misty Holwerda, Lois Morehouse, Kay Mekkes, Roy DeJonge, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Curt Stoel, Erica Obi.**

Please keep all our military troops in your prayers, especially:

- **Dustin Lambries, Jeremy Stegehuis, Jeff Shuck & Tony Shuck** (Betty Isenga's grandsons), **Edward Peter Tolhurst** (Pat Bird's nephew), **Ben Westrick**

Please keep in your hearts and minds:

- Our **Family at Home members** – Eloise Anderson, Crystal Baum, Mary Lou Besteman, Norma Boss, Dorothy Cook, Helen Dertien, Marilyn DeVree, Chuck Duimstra, Karin Dykstra, Arlene Jacobitz, Ev Lindhout, Pat Marcusse, Kay Mekkes, Bob & Lois Morehouse, Janet Pofahl, Bob Verburg, Trudie Wierda, Mary Zomerlei
- FAH Birthday's -**
May 10 – Dorothy Cook – Byron Center Manor, 2115 84th St., Byron Center 49315
May 21 – Evelyn Lindhout – 725 Baldwin, Room #175, Jenison 49428

In case of an emergency and no one is at church you may call Pastors Bud Pratt - 708-302-5645,
Matt Cook - 616-893-4189 or consistory vice president Bob Stelma - 616-822-3859, or any of the other elders.